

Fixed Wing 'A' Cert Test (& BPC)

Whether the candidate is awarded an 'A' certificate or Basic Proficiency (BPC) depends entirely on what model they present with for the test. For example for fixed wing power tests;

- If they present with a model without stabilisation, which is over 1kg and capable of taking off from the ground, they will take an 'A' test.
- If the candidate presents with a model that is not capable of taking off from the ground they will take the BPC
- If the candidate presents with a model that is under 1kg, they will take a BPC, (irrespective of whether it has stabilisation or not.)
- If they present with a model with stabilisation, they will take a BPC (irrespective of mass).

The candidate must successfully carry out the scheduled flying test.

In addition to the flying schedule, the applicant must also answer satisfactorily the five mandatory questions based on legal compliance, as well as a **minimum of five** additional questions on safety matters based on the BMFA Safety Codes for General Flying, and local flying rules. However, the candidate will only be asked questions if they have successfully completed the flying element of the test.

QUESTIONS

Mandatory Questions

From April 2016 it is a requirement of all tests (excluding C certificate tests) that candidates must answer correctly 5 questions taken from the list of mandatory questions based on legal aspects of model aircraft flying.

Supplementary Questions

In general, most supplementary test questions will be based on the various BMFA safety codes.

The Safety Codes can be found in the current edition of the BMFA Member's Handbook, sections 8 through to 24.

The Member's Handbook also contains sections on specific disciplines within model flying and you should read at least those sections that apply to the test you are taking, as well as the section on Legal Controls over Model Flying.

Test candidates should also study CAP 658 (as amended by CAP 1763), as it contains considerable information on how the Air Navigation Order affects model flying.

Some of the questions may also be based on local flying rules and you should familiarise yourself with these and or the relevant club handbook.

Specific questions might not be asked, but if you don't have a good knowledge of the relevant sections of the Member's Handbook you are not likely to impress during the interview.